time. It is also of the view that officers engaged in election-related duties, to the extent feasible, should not be shifted during elections. Government, however, have not taken any view in regard to State funding of elections. As for ceilings on election expenses are concerned, the same are required to be observed by all the candidates.

**Production of Condoms by Hindustan Latex Limited**

*368. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the production target of condoms of Hindustan Latex Limited, Thiruvananthapuram, for the year 1995-96 as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Government of India and the Company;

(b) whether Government of India have given any order for the purchase of condoms;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details regarding the purchase of condoms by Government of India as per the MOU?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) As per the MOU 1995-96, signed between Government of India and Hindustan Latex Ltd. (HLL), Thiruvananthapuram, the production target of condoms of HLL is 613.00 million pieces for a performance rating of "very good".

(b) and (c) The Department of Family Welfare has so far placed orders on HLL for supply of 405.5 million pieces of condoms during 1995-96 at a cost of Rs. 29.06 crores.

(d) No details for the purchase of condoms by Government of India has been incorporated in the MOU.

**Research Work in Antarctica**

*369. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the different Research Works undertaken by India in Antarctica during the last three years; and

(b) the benefits accrued to India therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) The different research work undertaken in Antarctica during the last three years in the course of 12th, 13th and 14th Expedition are in the following broad fields of Polar Science namely, Earth Sciences and Glaciology; Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology; Biology; Human Physiology; Environment and Communication and Engineering.

(b) (i) Details of scientific research carried out are as follows:

A. **Earth Sciences and Glaciology:**

— Geological mapping of virgin areas of the Orvin Mountains covering an area of 2000 sq. kms. The total area mapped since 1982 is 9600 sq. kms.

— Geochemical sampling of the crystallines of Schirmacher Oasis to elucidate the evolutionary history of the area.

— Insitu measurements of petrophysical properties of rocks including radioactivity.

— Monitoring of dynamics of glacial front movement of Dakshin Gangotri glacier.

— Preparation of Topographical map of 1:5000 scale of the Schirmacher Oasis.

B. **Atmospheric Sciences:**

— Vertical profiling of ozone concentration using laser heterodyne system and mesurement of seasonal varia-